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The Commissioner of Patents
and Trade Marks,
Washington, D.C., 20231
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a preliminary amendment in the above-
identified application.

In the Claims:

Please add claims 32-40 as follows:

32. A method of improving a performance of a microphone array by determining weights to be assigned to each microphone in a microphone array when processing an input from each microphone, the method comprising:

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